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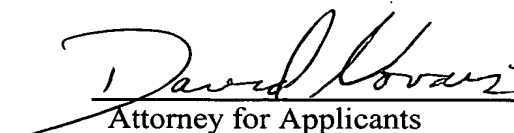
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	4,839,953	06-20-1989	Mizuta			
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	2 033 269	10-03-1979	GB				X
	1 450 235	05-06-1974	GB				X

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